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In an attempt to fully comply with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97-1.99, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the United States Patent Office the following reference(s).

The information listed herein below may not qualify as prior art, and should not be considered prior art merely from Applicants' citation herein. 37 C.F.R. 1.96(h).

The information contained herein cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application on April 2, 2002 (Less than three months before the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement), and, to our knowledge no item of information contained in this statement was known to any individual designated in Section 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the mailing date of a first Office Action¹, but before the mailing date of a Notice of Allowance or an action that otherwise closes prosecution. 37 CFR 1.97(c). The statement required under 37 CFR.197(e) is made above so no fee is required.

Foreign Patent(s)

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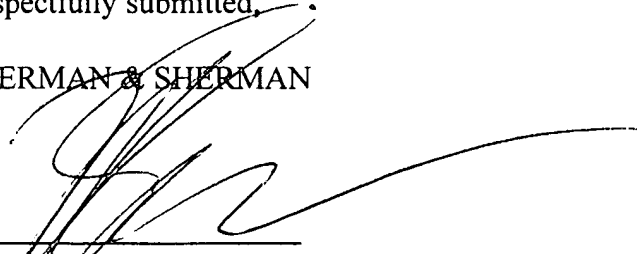
Japanese Patent Application No. 05-189636; Filed: July 30, 1993; Publication
No.: 07-044477; Published: February 14, 1995; Title: CONTROL SYSTEM FOR
MULTI-MEDIUM EQUIPMENT

Copies of these documents are attached herewith, and are listed on the PTO
Form 1449.

If the Examiner believes a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of
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Respectfully submitted,

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